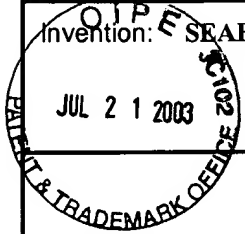


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 19, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the included remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following description of newly added Figure 11 after paragraph 29 of the specification as filed:

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Figure 11 shows an embodiment of a seabed oil storage system having a box-shaped web-frame steel structure.

Please replace paragraph 50 of the specification with the following paragraph. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing insertions and deletions, is included with this response.

Embodiments of a storage and offtake system may be used in conjunction with a subsea processing and/or gathering system as illustrated in Figures 7 and 8. For example, the subsea processing system may comprise a subsea oil and gas separator 136 for degassing liquid hydrocarbons produced from the subsea wells 132 (in Figure 7). An example of a subsea processing system is described in U.S. Patent No. 6,537,349 issued to Choi et al.; and entitled "Passive Low Pressure Flash Gas Compression System". As shown in Figure 8, when an embodiment of